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March 6, 2014

Glenn Berger
Exchange Hall
2 School Street
Acton, MA 01720

**Re: Notice of Amended Decision of the Board; Exchange Hall, 2 School Street, Acton;
Docket Number V11-110**

Dear Mr. Berger,

On December 16, 2013 the Architectural Access Board ("Board") received your submittal of information regarding a product called a ConvertaStep, as a proposal of alternate access to the stage located at the third floor of the property in question. The proposed product lifts to up to 33 inches and can be stored in a flat position (only 12 inches high when in the down position). Your submittal comes after the Board issued a decision on October 21, 2013 to accept your submitted affidavit and signage at the stage, on the condition that the submitted affidavit was recorded with the Local Registry of Deeds with verification of the recording to be sent to the Board within 60 days receipt of that decision.

The Board reviewed your most recent submittal during an administrative discussion at their regularly scheduled January 6, 2014 meeting and voted as follows:

- *CONTINUE* the discussion regarding this new proposal to allow Thomas Hopkins, Executive Director of the Board, to talk to the Chief of the State Elevator Division, Walter Zalenski, regarding the Elevator Divisions opinion on this proposed device.

Let the record show that Mr. Hopkins reviewed this product with Mr. Zalenski and that the Elevator Division will require a variance to use this device. Therefore, a variance application for the Elevator Board of Appeals is attached and the Architectural Access Board will review this matter again after receiving the results of the appeal to the Elevator Board. In the interim, the previous motion of the Board stands, and no public use of the stage in question shall take place.

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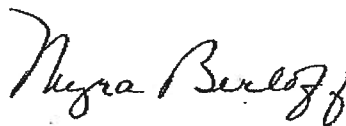
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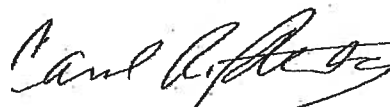


Andrew Bedar, Member



Myra Berloff, Director of Massachusetts
Office on Disability

Raymond Glazier, Executive Office of Elder
Affairs Designee (not present)



Carol Steinberg, Member

A complete administrative record is on file at the office of the Architectural Access Board.

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cc: Local Building Inspector
Local Disability Commission
Independent Living Center



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Board of Elevator Regulations

PETITION FOR PRODUCT VARIANCE(S) per 524 CMR 13.02

Send to: Dept. of Public Safety, Board of Elevator Regulations, 1 Ashburton Place, Rm. 1301, Boston, MA 02108

This is a petition for a variance pursuant to 524 CMR 13.02, which requires that the first installation of a new model Machine Room-Less Elevator (MRL) in the Commonwealth must be granted preliminary approval by the Board of Elevator Regulations prior to installation. No other installations are allowed until the Board grants FINAL APPROVAL of an MRL prototype. Please note that ALL design specifications which do not comply with A17.1 must be listed in this petition.

Manufacturer:

Product name:

Petitioner:

Petitioner address:

Petitioner e-mail:

Petitioner phone number:

All petitions must be complete and include a \$50 filing fee. Incomplete or illegible petitions will be returned.

Has this product been the subject of an appeal by this or any other appeals board prior to this filing?

No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, please indicate the date of the previous appeal, the code section(s) that was at issue, and the specifics of the decision (i.e., variance was granted/not granted).

You must submit eight copies of all documentation related to this petition with this application. These documents should include photos, manufacturer's specifications, paperwork and plans. All submissions must be 8 ½" x 11" with the exception of manufacturer's plans which may be 11" x 17". Petitioner must provide full size manufacturer's plans at hearing for the Board's review, if applicable.

Board members reserve the right to continue proceedings if such material warrants extensive review.

PLEASE CITE ALL APPLICABLE CODE SECTIONS FROM WHICH YOU SEEK A VARIANCE(S). Additional information may be attached if space is not sufficient.

Petitioner's signature: _____

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